

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of The Imperials, an exceptionally gifted Youth Basketball Performance Team on their final terrific season and tremendous nationwide success.

WHEREAS, It is fitting for this General Assembly to honor those performers who through their skill, hard work, and natural talent bring honor and acclaim upon both themselves and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, The Imperials, a co-ed group of young basketball performers, provide one such model of athletic skill and community pride; and

WHEREAS, Hailing from Portland, Tennessee, The Imperials selflessly give of their time to provide entertainment to crowds far and wide through their vast array of basketball dribbling techniques and other feats; and

WHEREAS, They have performed at halftime shows for high school, college, and professional teams, including the Phoenix Suns, the Memphis Grizzlies, The Harlem Globetrotters, the Indiana Pacers, Middle Tennessee State University, Vanderbilt University, the University of Tennessee, and the NBA All-Star Fanjam; and

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WHEREAS, The Imperials will be honored by their hometown on January 25, 2003, when they will perform at Portland High School's "Imperial Night"; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Robert and Priscilla Curtis and gifted performers Brent Briley (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Luke Briley (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Terrez Crabtree (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Aaron Curtis (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Wade Curtis (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Taylor Dorris (5<sup>th</sup> grade), Anna Fisher (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Mack Hodges (7<sup>th</sup> grade), Boyer Hunter (7<sup>th</sup> grade), and David Key (6<sup>th</sup> grade) have entertained a wide variety of audiences across the country, and they have brought honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, The Imperials are most generously sponsored by The Imperial Group, which manufactures parts for the heavy truck and bus industry and has one of its three divisions in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, The Imperial Group has a stellar reputation for creating exceptional value and staying atop the market by implementing World Class technologies; The Imperial Group's outstanding success is a direct result of its integrity, creativity, and their most generous connection to the community, which is evidenced by their steadfast support for The Imperials; and

WHEREAS, The Imperials have been fortunate to enjoy the enthusiastic and unwavering support of their community, including the City of Portland and many other loyal, local sponsors; and

WHEREAS, The Imperials, now in their farewell season, epitomize hard work and teamwork, and they have been wonderful ambassadors for the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate and applaud The Imperials Youth Basketball Performance Team on their success and national renown. The efforts of these young men and women surely bode well for their future endeavors in life, and we wish them all the best.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.